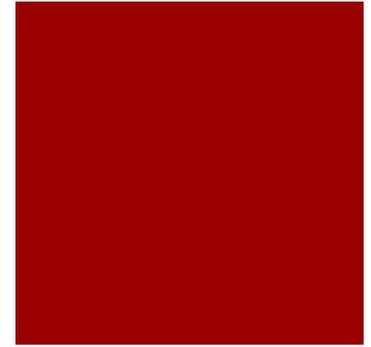


# Union Career Connect

- Launched in 2014-15 at Union High School and Union Alternative School
- Designed to expose students to high-demand career opportunities during the school day through industry-based coursework and “on the job” opportunities
- Utilizes a “learn and earn” philosophy; some companies offer paid internships during the second semester and full time employment upon graduation
- Students earn nationally-recognized certifications, such as WorkKeys, Manufacturing (Manufacturing, Quality, Safety, & Maintenance), OSHA, Child Development Associate, and Ford/Fleet automotive certifications.



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High school students attend classes in industry-based settings and earn nationally-recognized certifications prior to graduation.

<b>INDUSTRY</b>	<b>COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	APSCO, Bama Companies, Ebsco Spring, TCC
<b>Automotive Technology</b>	City of Tulsa, Union Transportation Department
<b>Early Childhood</b>	Community Action Project, TulsaTech
<b>K-12</b>	NSU-BA, Union Public Schools
<b>Medicine</b>	Eastern Oklahoma Orthopedic Clinic (EOOC)
<b>Entrepreneurship &amp; Marketing</b>	36 Degrees North, Tulsa Drillers, & Tulsa Roughnecks
<b>Construction</b>	Mill Creek Lumber, FlintCo

# Technician program expands job offerings for Union graduates

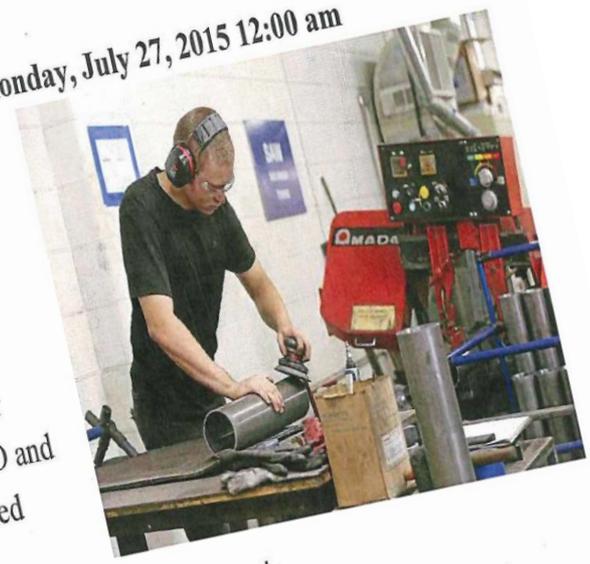
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The certified production technician program launched last year through Union Public Schools' Career Connect initiative has already led to full-time jobs for three 2015 Union graduates.

The graduates, who interned during their senior year of high school at local companies APSCO and The Bama Cos. Inc., were offered and accepted jobs at the two companies this summer.

Associate Superintendent Kathy Dodd said the district is happy to see its students transitioning into these careers as a result of what they learned and experienced through the program.

Union Career Connect was launched last year as a way for the district to meet the career-readiness component of its districtwide strategic plan. In addition to the manufacturing track, which includes the technician certification program and pairs students with industry partners, some students enrolled in an auto mechanic program and interned with the city of Tulsa.



## Union Tech

Micah Hertzog prepares a section of pipe to be used on a pneumatic system at APSCO's facility in Tulsa on Thursday. Hertzog, a Union High School graduate, was hired at APSCO after interning there as part of Union's Career Connect program. MATT BARNARD/Tulsa World

